

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

FISCAL YEAR 2003 ESTIMATES

SUMMARY OF CONSULTING SERVICES

NASA uses paid experts and consultants to provide advice and expert input in addition to or beyond that available from its in-house civil service workforce. Management controls are established which assure that before entering into a consultant services arrangement with an individual that there is ample justification presented and that the action is approved at top management levels.

NASA also uses experts and consultants to provide expert advice and input on the selection of experiments for future space missions. The use of these experts and consultants, in addition to NASA civil service personnel, provides the agency with an independent view that assures the selection of experiments likely to have the greatest scientific merit. Other individuals are used to provide independent looks at technical and functional problems in order to provide top management the widest possible range of views before making major decisions.

	<u>FY 2001</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>
Number of Non-Paid Experts and Consultants	394	350	350
Number of Paid Experts and Consultants	59	60	60
Annual FTE Usage	3	3	3
Salaries	233,000	244,000	250,000
Total Salary and Benefits Costs	252,805	264,434	271,309
Travel Costs	532,826	559,467	587,441
Total Costs	785,631	823,901	858,750